The results shown in Table 2 demonstrate that the catalysts of the invention exhibit very high NO_2 decomposition performance even at temperatures below 300°C. On the other hand, with Comparative Example 1 which had Pt and Ba both present on the γ-alumina carrier, the NO_2 decomposition performance was slightly lower than that of the catalysts of the invention. The catalyst of Comparative Example 2 exhibited absolutely no NO_2 decomposition performance. The reason is believed to be its structure wherein no catalyst was carried on the filter.

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Table 3 Comparison of particulate matter (PM) combustion rates

	Catalyst		PM combustion rate (mg/sec/L)	
	NO oxidation catalyst	NO_2 decomposition catalyst	200°C	250°C
Example 1	$Pt/WO_3/ZrO_2$	Pt/Ba/γ-alumina	0.04	0.12
Example 2	$Pt/WO_3/ZrO_2$	Fe/γ-alumina	0.04	0.11
Comp. Ex.1	Pt/Ba/γ-alumina		0.012	0.05
Comp. Ex.2	Upstream Pt/silica + monolith filter		0.002	0.006

Catalyst components: (2 g Pt + 0.1 g Rh)/1L filter

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 7-10 as follows:

--7. A particulate matter combustion catalyst according to claim 1, wherein said NO oxidation catalyst and NO_2 decomposition catalyst are carried on a particulate matter filter.--

--8. A particulate matter combustion catalyst according to claim 2, wherein said NO oxidation catalyst and NO_2 decomposition catalyst are carried on a particulate matter filter.--